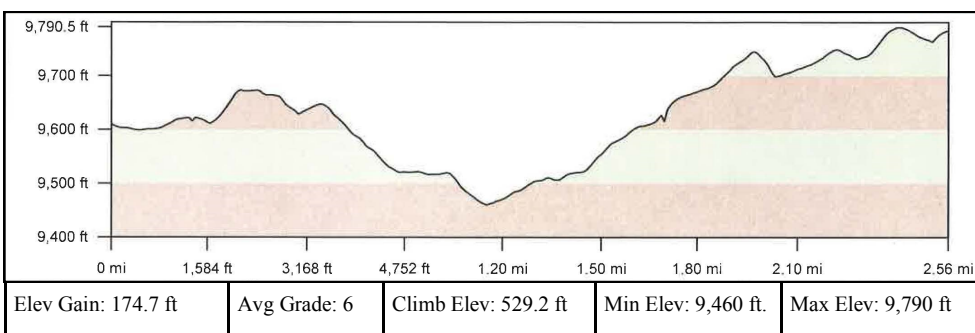
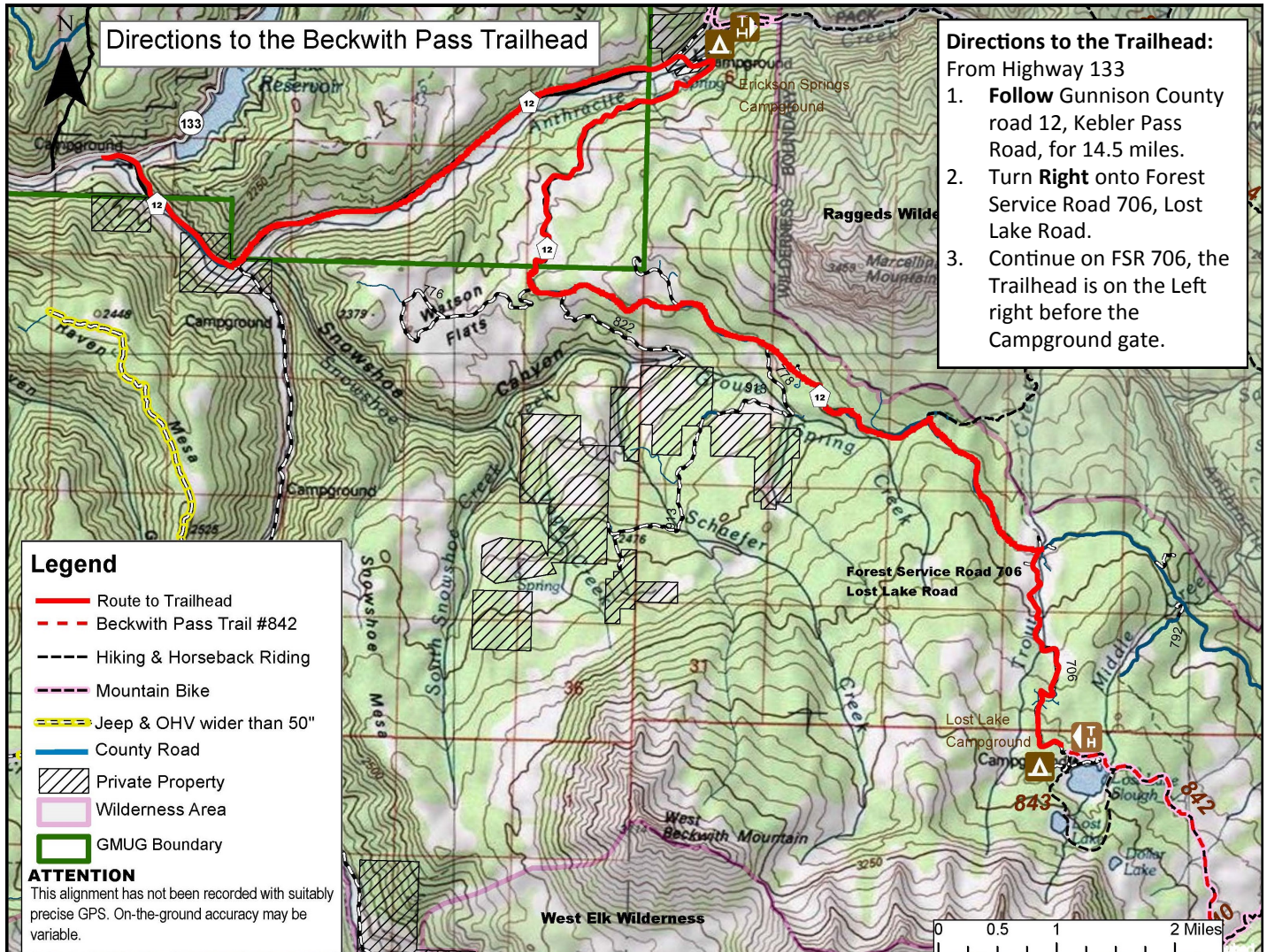




Beckwith Pass Trail #842

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This short trail connects the Three Lakes Trail #843 to the Cliff Creek Trail #840, offering a fairly easy day hike either to Beckwith Pass or down to Horse Ranch Park. It also offers access to the West Elk Wilderness, as an alternative to the steeper Cliff Creek Trail, as it averages only a 2% slope. Scenic attractions include good views of East Beckwith and Ruby Range, as well as an abundance of wildflowers during mid-summer. The trail is easily followed and receives heavy use from horses. Several stream crossings exist so dispersed camping is possible along the entire route. After passing through a gate (usually closed to keep livestock out of the campground), the trail descends and ascends through aspen stands; then climbs gradually along a hillside, meandering through open parks of wildflowers and scattered stand of aspen and spruce. The confluence with the Cliff Creek Trail is in a dense spruce stand at a creek crossing.



QUICK FACTS

Distance: 2.8 miles
Usage: Heavy
Best Season: Summer
USGS Maps: Anthracite Range

